

TESTIMONIALS IN FAVOUR OF
WILLIAM MACEWEN.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

SIR GEORGE O. TREVELYAN, BART., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND.

SIR,

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the Regius Professorship of Surgery in the University of Glasgow.

I am forty-four years of age.

I graduated in Medicine in the University of Glasgow in 1870, and since then have devoted myself to the study of Surgery.

In 1876 I was appointed Surgeon to and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, which appointments I have the honour of still holding. Last year, on the expiry of the usual term of office in the Infirmary, the Managers, as a "mark of their appreciation of the distinguished services rendered," reappointed me for a second term.

In 1881 I was appointed Lecturer on Systematic Surgery in the Royal Infirmary School of Medicine, which Lectureship I held for eight years, and at the amalgamation of this School with St. Mungo's College I was appointed Professor of Clinical Surgery.

In 1883 I was appointed Surgeon to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, to which institution I am still attached.

In 1884 I was invited to prepare a paper on Osteotomy, to be read at the International Medical Congress at Copenhagen.

In 1888 a special invitation was given me to address the British Medical Association on my "Recent Surgical Investigations."

In 1889 I was invited to accept the Professorship of Surgery in the Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore, where every facility was provided for scientific research. In that year I was elected President of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Glasgow.

In 1890 the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon me by the University of Glasgow. In the same year I gave the Inaugural Address to the Midland Medical Society at Birmingham.

In 1891 I was elected a corresponding member of the *Société de Chirurgie de Paris*. In the same year I delivered the Inaugural Address to the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh—a society composed of students and graduates of the University of Edinburgh—of which I had previously been elected an honorary member. Also in 1891 the students of the University of Glasgow elected me President of the Medical Society of their University.

Since the amalgamation of the Conjoint Boards of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, and the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, I have been an examiner in Surgery and in Clinical Surgery.

Appended are a few testimonials and a list of contributions to Surgical Literature, with the comments of the press thereon.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM MACEWEN.

From Sir J. SPENCER WELLS, Bart., F.R.C.P.I. (Hon.), F.R.C.S.I. (Hon.), M.D. (Hon.), Dublin, Leyden, Charkof, and Bologna Universities, Surgeon to the Queen's Household, Consulting Surgeon Samaritan Hospital for Women and Children, London, late Professor of Surgery and of Pathology, Royal College of Surgeons, England.

3 UPPER GROSVENOR STREET,
LONDON, W., 5th September, 1892.

THE surgical work done during the past twenty years by DR. MACEWEN—especially in the surgery of the brain and spinal cord, osteotomy, transplantation of bone, and the radical cure of hernia—is in my opinion unequalled in originality and value by any surgeon in the world.

If he was elected to the Chair of Surgery in Glasgow University, I believe it would be highly honourable to the electors, an incalculable advantage to the students, a great gain to the University, and a benefit to mankind.

J. SPENCER WELLS, F.R.C.S.



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From DR. HUGHLINGS JACKSON, F.R.S., F.R.C.P. Lond., LL.D.
(Hon.) Glasgow, M.D. (Hon.) Bologna, F.R.C.P.I. (Hon.),
*Physician to the London Hospital, and to the National
Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, London.*

3 MANCHESTER SQUARE,
LONDON, W.

MR. MACEWEN has achieved a great reputation in his profession.

The work he has done in regard to the surgery of the brain is most remarkable for its high originality and great practical value.

I heartily wish him success in his candidature for the Chair of Surgery in Glasgow.

J. HUGHLINGS JACKSON, M.D., F.R.S.



*From T. R. JESSOP, F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon, Leeds General
Infirmary, late Professor of Surgery in the Yorkshire College.*

32 PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS, September 10, 1892.

DEAR DR. MACEWEN,

I accede with pleasure to your request for a statement of my opinion as to your fitness and qualification for the appointment now vacant in the Chair of Systematic Surgery in Glasgow University.

Seeing indeed that you might well command the favourable testimony of every educated surgeon in Europe and America, I cannot but esteem it a privilege to be asked.

There is no more honoured name in the domain of surgery, as practised in these later times, than your own; and there are few men living who have striven so successfully for the advancement in its scientific aspects of the art we practise as you have done. I am using no exaggerated language when I say that the Glasgow University is fortunate indeed in having the opportunity of securing your services as a teacher of surgery. There is not a Medical School in the kingdom whose reputation would not be increased by the addition to its staff of so capable and enthusiastic a surgeon.

So wide is the range of subjects in which you have done good work that I find it difficult to make special references. Two there are, however, with which your name must for ever be associated, seeing that by the advances you have made in them you have laid not only the surgical world but the whole human race under a lasting obligation. I allude to your work in the surgery of the brain and spinal cord, and to the now universally practised method of rectifying deformities of bones and joints. The great work you have accomplished in these two

extensive surgical fields alone has sufficed to create for you a world-wide reputation, and has placed you amongst the foremost surgeons of the age.

To the occupier of a University Chair, the faculty of imparting information to others is a requisite, not less important than the possession of a thorough knowledge of the subject to be taught. No one who has heard you as I have on many occasions, most notably at the British Medical meeting in Glasgow of 1888, when your address in General Meeting was everywhere acclaimed a masterpiece of exposition, can doubt your pre-eminence as a lecturer and teacher.

In expressing my conviction that no more acceptable successor to my late friend Sir George Macleod can be found than yourself, I am confident of the approval of every well-wisher of the Glasgow University, and of every competent surgeon in the kingdom.

Believe me,

Very faithfully yours,

T. R. JESSOP.

From DR. ROSSANDER, Professor of Surgery at Stockholm, Sweden.

I HEREBY bear testimony that in my opinion MR. WILLIAM MACEWEN is one of the most eminent surgeons of the present time.

I am well acquainted with his principal works, which are not only thoroughly scientific, but advance new ideas, and have assisted the true progress of the surgical art.

I have adopted his methods of operation for genu valgum, for the restoration of bones, and partly for the radical cure of hernia.

I am aware from personal knowledge, and I testify to the fact, that these operations are likewise practised in all the principal hospitals in Sweden, and in the numerous German hospitals I have visited of late years.

I am convinced that every school of surgery would be happy to have such a representative in her Chair of Surgery as Mr. William Macewen.

CARL J. ROSSANDER.

From PROFESSOR HAHN, *Director der chirurgischen Station am
Krankenhausen Friedrichshain, Berlin.*

September, 1892.

HERR WILLIAM MACEWEN aus Glasgow ist mir seit mehr als einem Jahrzehnt als ein vorzüglicher Chirurg bekannt.

Durch sein Werk über Osteotomie, 1881, in das Deutsch von Wittelshoefer übersetzt, ganz besonders veranlasst, habe ich diese Operation mit Vorliebe mehrerehundertmal ausgeführt und immer die von ihm empfohlenen Rathschläge als sehr gute anerkannt. Meiner Ansicht nach, ist Macewen derjenige welcher die Osteotomie am meisten gefördert hat.

Ebenso ist Macewen in Deutschland durch seine andere Arbeiten über Genu Valgum, Gehirn Abscesse, und Radical Operationen der Hernien rühmlichst bekannt.

PROFESSOR HAHN.

*From CHRISTOPHER HEATH, F.R.C.S., Vice-President of the
Royal College of Surgeons of England; Holme Professor of
Clinical Surgery in University College, London; Surgeon to
University College Hospital, etc.*

36 CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.,
12th September, 1892.

I HAVE the greatest pleasure in expressing the very high opinion I entertain of the surgical ability and professional status of DR. WILLIAM MACEWEN. Having on two separate occasions paid visits to Glasgow solely with the object of seeing Dr. Macewen's practice in the Glasgow Infirmary, I do not hesitate to say that I have never witnessed such remarkable results of enterprising surgery as I there saw. Dr. Macewen has shown a rare faculty both in originating and in perfecting the details of many most important surgical proceedings, and I know of no such demonstration of surgical work as he brought before the British Medical Association at its Glasgow meeting. Both as a surgeon and as a clinical teacher Dr. Macewen occupies the very first rank in Great Britain, and I feel sure that his appointment to the vacant post of Regius Professor would commend itself to the surgical profession at large.

CHRIS^R. HEATH.

*From W. H. BROADBENT, M.D., F.R.C.P., Senior Physician to
St. Mary's Hospital, and Lecturer in Clinical Medicine.*

LONDON, *September*, 1892.

DR. W. MACEWEN has for many years held a leading position among the surgeons of the United Kingdom, and his work in the most varied departments of surgery has been marked by the highest qualities.

His skill, caution, and boldness as an operator, his originality in devising new methods of treatment, his lucidity as an exponent and teacher, and his sincerity and strength of character qualify him in a special manner for the office of Professor of Surgery in the University of Glasgow. He will do honour to the Chair, and will exercise a most beneficial influence upon the students.

I have had occasion to seek his assistance, and found him more than equal to the high reputation which he enjoys.

W. H. BROADBENT.

From SIR JOSEPH LISTER, Bart., D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S. ; *one of*
the Surgeons Extraordinary to Her Majesty ; Professor of
Clinical Surgery in King's College, London.

12 PARK CRESCENT, PORTLAND PLACE,
LONDON, 14th September, 1892.

DR. MACEWEN has acquired more than European fame by the originality and brilliancy of his contributions to Surgery.

His reputation is eminently calculated to excite the enthusiasm of his students, and to enhance the renown of any school with which he may be connected.

He thus possesses claims of the highest order to the vacant chair in the University of Glasgow.

JOSEPH LISTER.

From GEHEIMRATH DR. VON ESMARCH, *Professor der Chirurgie
an der Universität, Kiel, und Generalarzt I. Klasse à la suite
des Sanitats-Corps.*

HERR MACEWEN in Glasgow ist in Deutschland schon lange als einer der bedeutendsten jüngere Chirurgen Englands anerkannt und seine Operations-methoden sind, wie von den meisten deutschen Chirurgen, so auch von mir oft und mit den besten Erfolgen angewendet worden. Ich wünsche von Herzen dass Herrn Macewen die Professor für Chirurgie an der Universität zu Glasgow anvertraut werde.

FRIEDRICH VON ESMARCH.

From JUST CHAMPIONNIERE, *Chirurgien de l'hôpital St. Louis,*
Paris.

4 *Septembre*, 1892.

TRÈS HONORÉ CONFRÈRE,

Je veux desirer bien volontiers par écrit le témoignage de l'appréciation scientifique de votre œuvre que j'ai fait connaître bien souvent dans mes leçons.

Je crois que vous avez puissamment contribué aux progrès de la chirurgie moderne. Vos travaux sur l'ostéotomie ont donnés aux opérations une très-grande impulsion.

Toute votre chirurgie cranienne et cérébrale tient une place capitale dans l'œuvre moderne de la chirurgie cérébrale, et j'ai cité dans mon livre de la cure radicale des hernies votre prouvé comme ayant attiré vivement mon attention, quoique j'ai une méthode personnelle à laquelle je suis attaché.

Je ne puis vous dire dans une lettre comme je l'ai fait dans mon enseignement la merite extrême dans laquelle j'ai toujours tenu vos travaux de chirurgie.

Veillez agréer l'expression de mes sentiments très distingués.

JUST CHAMPIONNIERE.

From DR. ANTON WOELFLER, K.K., *Professor der Chirurgie an
der Universität zu Graz.*

September, 1892.

ICH bestätige hiermit gerne, dass ich HERRN DR. MACEWEN aus Glasgow als einen ausgezeichneten Chirurgen kenne, welcher durch seine vorzüglichen Werke einen Ruf sich verschafft hat, der weit über die Grenzen seines Vaterlandes hinaus geht. Ich hatte die Ehre Herrn Dr. Macewen persönlich kennen zu lernen und mich im Gespräche mit ihm von seinen tiefgehenden Kenntnissen und modernen Anschauungen über die Chirurgie im Allgemeinen zu überzeugen. Ausserdem beweisen seine hervorragenden Werke, dass er an der Entwicklung der Chirurgie mit vielen Erfolgen lebhaftesten Anteil nimmt. Ich erinnere bloss an die von ihm eingeführte Osteotomie bei genu valgum, welche ich selbst nachgeahmt habe und für die *beste* Methode halte. Ich weiss auch, dass dieses Verfahren von den meisten deutschen Chirurgen geübt und anerkannt wird.

Eine zweite, wesentliche Neuerung auf dem Gebiete der Chirurgie führte Herr Macewen damit ein, dass er beim Leistenbruche eine Methode der Radicaloperation angegeben hat, welche in Deutschland und Oesterreich genau gekannt und vielfach geübt wird. Diese Methode ist höchst originell und hat in der Hand Macewen's selbst so vortreffliche Endresultate geliefert, dass sie schon jetzt zu den besten Operationsmethoden des Leistenbruches gezählt werden muss. Hervorragend sind ausserdem seine Arbeiten auf dem Gebiete der Hirnchirurgie. Meine bestimmte Überzeugung geht dahin, dass Macewen zu den hervorragendsten Chirurgen Grossbritanniens gehört da seine literarischen Bestreb-

ungen nicht bloß Fleiß und Ernst sondern hohe Begabung und weitgehende Kenntnisse verraten.

Ich habe den festen Glauben, daß Macewen einer jeden Universität an die er als Lehrer und Chirurg berufen wird zur höchsten Zierde gereichen muss, da derselbe bei weiterer Vorsetzung seiner weiteren Bestrebungen sicherlich noch sehr viel Gutes und Vortreffliches zum Ruhme seines Vaterlandes und zum Nutzen seiner Schüler und Kranken leisten wird.

DR. ANTON WOELFLER.

